

SUMMARY OF MILK USED TO PRODUCE MANUFACTURED DAIRY PRODUCTS

The statistics shown in this section differ from those shown in the lower class utilization tables in the Quantities and Utilization of Milk Priced section. In addition to producer milk used in each class, this section includes “other source” milk used to produce lower class products. Other source milk is milk and dairy products received from other order plants or unregulated plants.

During 2001, about 73.3 billion pounds of milk, skim milk, and cream that were used to produce Class II, III, and IV products were handled by milk processors regulated under the Federal milk order program. This volume was either processed in their own regulated plants, or transferred or diverted to unregulated nonpool plants for processing. On a whole-milk-equivalent basis, 53.7 percent of this volume was used in Class III products, 28.9 percent in Class II, 17.2 percent in Class IV, and 0.2 percent in other uses (milk and dairy products that were dumped, used for animal feed, or destroyed).

There were 13.6 billion pounds of milk, skim milk, and cream used to produce Class II products in 2001. The butterfat test of this volume was 7.31 percent. On a volume basis, the largest Class II volume was used in frozen desserts, 5.4 billion pounds with an 8.90 percent butterfat content, followed by cottage cheese, 3.1 billion pounds with a 1.53 percent butterfat content. On a whole-milk-equivalent basis, frozen desserts would remain the largest use, but both fluid cream products and sour cream products use would have been larger than cottage cheese. On an individual order basis, those orders with larger populations had higher Class II volumes, with the exception of the Southeast order.

Class III production accounted for 49.8 billion pounds of milk, skim milk, and cream which had a butterfat test of 3.71 percent. The largest Class III volume was used in American cheese, 22.7 billion pounds with a 3.74 percent butterfat content, followed by Italian cheese, 14.6 billion pounds with a 3.34 percent butterfat content. The order with the largest volume of Class III production was the Upper Midwest, 12.6 billion pounds, followed by the Central order with 9.2 billion pounds. These two orders accounted for over 47 percent of total Class III production in all Federal milk orders.

There were **9.5** billion pounds of milk, skim milk, and cream used to produce Class IV products in 2001. The butterfat content of this volume was **6.25** percent. The Class IV product with the largest volume was nonfat dry milk; the product with the largest whole-milk-equivalent was butter. The order with the largest volume used to produce Class IV products was the Northeast, **2.3** billion pounds. About **0.3** billion pounds of milk, skim milk, and cream were used in “other uses” in 2001. This use would have been Class III in January through June and November; Class IV in July through October and December.